

What Is Claimed Is:

- 1 1. A method for facilitating data stewardship for metadata in a data
2 warehouse system, comprising:
 - 3 allowing a user to create metadata for use in the data warehouse system;
 - 4 allowing a super user to move the metadata into and out of a collection;
 - 5 allowing the super user to assign a data steward for the collection; and
 - 6 allowing the data steward to manipulate the metadata in the collection.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising allowing a collection
2 administrator to move metadata into and out of the collection.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the data steward includes more
2 than one individual.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein manipulating the metadata
2 includes editing and deleting the metadata.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the collection is related to a
2 specified domain.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the data steward can be a data
2 steward for more than one collection.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the super user has access to the
2 metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata can include data
2 descriptions.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata can include
2 procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 allowing the user to create a new metadata; and
3 allowing the user to request that the new metadata be moved to the
4 collection.

1 11. The method of claim 1, further comprising allowing the user to
2 manipulate metadata that the user owns and that does not belong to the collection.

1 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising allowing the data
2 steward to create metadata within a folder in the collection, wherein creating
3 metadata within the folder automatically causes the metadata to be added to the
4 collection.

1 13. The method of claim 1,
2 wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and
3 wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4 to/from the collection.

1 14. A computer-readable storage medium storing instructions that
2 when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a method for

3 facilitating data stewardship for metadata in a data warehouse system, the method
4 comprising:

5 allowing a user to create metadata for use in the data warehouse system;
6 allowing a super user to move the metadata into and out of a collection;
7 allowing the super user to assign a data steward for the collection; and
8 allowing the data steward to manipulate the metadata in the collection.

1 15. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, the method
2 further comprising allowing a collection administrator to move metadata into and
3 out of the collection.

1 16. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the
2 data steward includes more than one individual.

1 17. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein
2 manipulating the metadata includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1 18. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the
2 collection is related to a specified domain.

1 19. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the
2 data steward can be a data steward for more than one collection.

1 20. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the
2 super user has access to the metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 21. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein more
2 than one data steward can be a data steward for a specified collection.

1 22. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the
2 metadata can include procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1 23. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, the method
2 further comprising:
3 allowing the user to create a new metadata; and
4 allowing the user to request that the new metadata be moved to the
5 collection.

1 24. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, the method
2 further comprising allowing the user to manipulate metadata that the user owns
3 and that does not belong to the collection.

1 25. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, the method
2 further comprising allowing the data steward to create metadata within a folder in
3 the collection, wherein creating metadata within the folder automatically causes
4 the metadata to be added to the collection.

1 26. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14,
2 wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and
3 wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
4 to/from the collection.

1 27. An apparatus for facilitating data stewardship for metadata in a
2 data warehouse system, comprising:
3 a creating mechanism configured to allow a user to create metadata for use
4 in the data warehouse system;
5 a moving mechanism configured to allow a super user to move the
6 metadata into and out of a collection;
7 an assigning mechanism configured to allow the super user to assign a data
8 steward for the collection; and
9 a manipulating mechanism configured to allow the data steward to
10 manipulate the metadata in the collection.

1 28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the moving mechanism is
2 further configured to allow a collection administrator to move metadata into and
3 out of the collection.

1 29. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the data steward includes more
2 than one individual.

1 30. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein manipulating the metadata
2 includes editing and deleting the metadata.

1 31. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the collection is related to a
2 specified domain.

1 32. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the data steward can be a data
2 steward for more than one collection.

1 33. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the super user has access to the
2 metadata within a plurality of collections.

1 34. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the metadata can include data
2 descriptions.

1 35. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the metadata can include
2 procedures related to the data warehouse system.

1 36. The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising:
2 a metadata creating mechanism configured to allow the user to create a
3 new metadata; and
4 a requesting mechanism configured to allow the user to request that the
5 new metadata be moved to the collection.
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1 37. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the manipulating mechanism is
2 further configured to allow the user to manipulate metadata that the user owns and
3 that does not belong to the collection.

1 38. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the creating mechanism is
2 further configured to allow the data steward to create metadata within a folder in
3 the collection, wherein creating metadata within the folder automatically causes
4 the metadata to be added to the collection.

1 39. The apparatus of claim 27,

- 2 wherein only the super user can create/delete a collection; and
- 3 wherein only the super user can update the collection by moving metadata
- 4 to/from the collection.